

9. (Amended) An apparatus for delivering video on demand programs to set top terminals comprising:

- (a) a receiver to receive requests for video on demand programs from the set top terminals;
- (b) a network manager, connected to said receiver, comprising:
 - a processor to process said program requests, wherein said processor includes an instruction memory and said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count said program requests;
- (c) an authorization component, connected to said network manager by an interface, to transmit a first authorization code to enable the set top terminals to receive a requested program; and
- (d) a file server, connected to said network manager, to receive said first authorization code, wherein said file server spools said requested program or downloads a second authorization code when the requested program is scrambled, wherein the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.

10. (Amended) An apparatus for video on demand programs comprising:

- an authorization component to receive requests for video on demand programs;
- an interface connected to said authorization component;
- a network manager, connected to said interface, to process said program requests; and
- a file server, connected to said authorization component, to receive a first authorization code to enable set top terminals to receive a requested program, and to spool said requested program or to download a second authorization code when the requested program is scrambled, wherein the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.

17. (Amended) An apparatus for delivering video on demand programs to set top terminals comprising:

- an authorization component to receive requests for video on demand programs from the set top terminals;
- an interface connected to said authorization component;
- a network manager, connected to said interface, comprising:

a processor to process said program requests, wherein said processor includes an instruction memory, and said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count said program requests; and

a file server, connected to said authorization component, to receive a first authorization code to enable the set top terminals to receive a requested program, and to spool said requested program or download a second authorization code when the requested program is scrambled, wherein the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.

20. (Amended) A method for delivering video on demand programming comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving a request for a video on demand program from a set top terminal;
- b) processing at least one received request;
- c) sending a first authorization code to a file server to enable set top terminal to receive a requested program;
- d) spooling said requested program from said file server;
- e) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program; and
- f) downloading a second authorization code when the requested program is scrambled, wherein the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.

Please add new claim 25 as follows:

25. A method for delivering video on demand programming comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving a request for a video on demand program from a set top terminal;
- b) processing at least one received request;
- c) sending a first authorization code to a file server;
- d) spooling said requested program from said file server;
- e) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program;
- f) downloading a second authorization code, wherein the second authorization code descrambles said requested program;
- g) counting a period of time;